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Personification Worksheet

Directions: In each sentence, an object or idea is personified. Identify the object or idea that is being personified and explain which human trait or action is applied to the object or idea.

Personification: a figurative language technique where an object or idea is given human traits or characteristics.

1. The wind whispered through the dark and gloomy forest.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

2. The gardener lovingly added the manure to his crops believing he was making happy flowers.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

3. As we walked through the scorching desert, the sun beat down on us.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

4. Time crawled as Tim sat in the hot detention room painfully watching the clock tic.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

5. The lumberjack leveled the many trees into a clearing and his chainsaw sang its deadly song.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

6. When Monica walked through the shoe store, each shiny pair of high heels called out to her.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

7. When the patriots defeated the redcoat army, freedom rang across the fruited plains.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

8. As Alice searched for her missing pencil, she said sarcastically, “Well, I guess it just walked off of my desk.” She looked at her classmates accusingly.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

9. Kelly was so happy that Tom and she were moving in together, but when she walked into her new residence, she dropped her suitcase. She had never seen the inside of the house which Tom’s grandmother had given them, and though she was grateful to receive such a nice gift, the ugly yellow wallpaper in the kitchen screamed at her. She knew she would have a lot of work to do to make her new house livable.

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Which human trait or quality is given? _____

10. William knew that he shouldn’t have eaten the last cookie out of the cookie jar. He knew that his father loved to eat chocolate chip cookies after work, but William ate the last one anyway. Now as he waited for his father to come home, guilt poked and chewed at William. As delicious as the cookie was, William now wished that he had never opened that cookie jar.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____